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SUBJ: ITALIAN FONMIN MORO-GROMYKO CONVERSATION  
ON CYPRUS, JULY 25, 1974

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1. IN JULY 25 MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO  
AND GROMYKO, SITUATION IN CYPRUS WAS TOUCHED UPON.

2. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN COLLEAGUES HERE, MORO, DURING  
COURSE OF CONVERSATION, COMMENTED THAT THE COUP IN  
CYPRUS CONSTITUTED A BRUTAL ACT OF VIOLENCE WHICH  
SUBVERTED THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. ITALY OPPOSED  
THE COUP D'ETAT AND ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION, AND  
SUPPORTED THE RESOTRATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
ORDER DEMANDS THE COOPERATION OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES,  
ESPECIALLY THE UK WHICH GUARANTEED THE INDEPENDENCE  
OF CYPRUS. RECENT CHANGES IN THE GREEK REGIME COULD  
INTERJECT A FAVORABLE ELEMENT IN THE SITUATION.

3. GROMYKO AGREED WITH MORO'S GENERAL ANALYSIS. GROMYKO  
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NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE THE CLARITY OF FACTS,

VIGOROUS EFFORTS WERE REQUIRED TO GET A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. THE TRUTH IS THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES DO NOT WANT CYPRUS TO BE NONALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT BUT WOULD RATHER LIKE TO SEE IT TRANSFORMED INTO A MILITARY BASE. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRESENT CONDITIONS IN CYPRUS, GROMYKO WONDERED WHAT MEANING THERE REALLY WAS IN THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BEING SO WIDELY DISCUSSED IN GENEVA. ACCORDING TO GROMYKO, THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WAS A GOOD ONE BUT WAS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED SATISFACTORILY. GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE STILL IN CYPRUS AND THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS REMAINS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, THAT ALL STATES IN FAVOR OF DETENTE CONTRIBUTE WHATEVER NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. GROMYKO TOLD MORO THAT IT WAS SURPRISING THAT THE U.S. HAD TRIED TO CONVINCE OTHERS THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS WAS NOT THE CONSEQUENCE OF INTERFERENCE FROM THE OUTSIDE BUT RATHER THE RESULT OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. GROMYKO CONTENDED THAT THE COUP IN CYPRUS WAS IN LARGE MEASURE THE RESULT OF INTERFERENCE BY THE GREEK REGIME; THIS IN TURN LED TO TURKISH INTERVENTION. THE SITUATION IS NOW MORE COMPLICATED AND THE SOVIET UNION HAS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THE SITUATION HAS REALLY IMPROVED, GROMYKO CONCLUDED. STOESSEL

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